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25 March 1976

Mr. John F. Budd, Jr. Carl Byoir & Associates, Inc. 800 Second Avenue New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Budd:

Many thanks for your kind letter of March 18 enclosing your son Jonathan's research paper. It is a very interesting paper. There is a wealth of data on the activities of American espionage and intelligence during the Revolution and I am working to get it published as part of our Bicentennial project.

I do note in the paper on page 26 the comment "To funnel off Whiskey taxes to themselves. Shades of the C.I.A.!" I can't say that I agree with this. No one has produced a shred of evidence to indicate that anyone in C.I.A. was trying to make money for himself individually or for the Agency, and I repeat, despite all the innuendo, no evidence has been produced to justify the indictment of a single member of this organization. There is a lot of loose talk, but no evidence to corroborate criminal activity as so freely bandied about.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and if Jonathan is ever in Washington I would be glad to talk to him about U. S. intelligence.

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Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters Lieutenant General, USA Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Lt. General Vernon A. Walters Deputy Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

Dear General Walters:

Again, a fine talk today at the Union League. Enjoyed it immensely. I was much interested in some of the exploits you mentioned about George Washington's Secret Service; one or two there that my son missed in his research for the enclosed paper.

Taking you at your word, I have sent along a copy of it. This was a Bicentennial project. You'll be especially interested in the epilogue, starting on page 29.

If you should feel disposed to comment on it, I know Jonathan would be very pleased. Currently he's at home on a Spring break (our address is: Feeks Lane, Locust Valley, N.Y. 11560).

John F. Budd, Jr.

JFB/kd Att.

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By Jonathan Charles Budd **STATINTL**

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